

HOUSE BILL NO. 698

INTRODUCED BY LANGE, R. BROWN, WAGMAN, ARNTZEN, HIMMELBERGER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WARM WATER FISHERY ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ACCOUNT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Warm water fishery enhancement account -- source of funding -- use of account. (1) There is an account to the credit of the department in the state special revenue fund established by 17-2-102 to be known as the warm water fishery enhancement account.

(2) There must be deposited in the account:

(a) a one-time transfer OF MONEY from the department ~~of money in an~~ THE amount ~~not less than~~ OF \$1,000 to start the fund;

(b) proceeds from voluntary contributions.

(3) Money in the account may be used only to fund the enhancement of warm water fisheries and habitats in Montana.

(4) The department shall adopt a process that allows individuals to donate money to the warm water fishery enhancement account by means of a voluntary contribution. Each individual must be ~~asked~~ PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY to contribute to the account at the time the individual purchases a fishing license.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 87, chapter 3, part 2, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 3, part 2, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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